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LOK SABHA

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MSP FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide Minimum Support Price (MSP) for fruits and vegetables on the analogy of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring fruits and vegetables under market interventions scheme and also to provide marketing support for these perishable commodities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Government has no proposal to provide Minimum Support Price(MSP) for fruits and vegetables on the lines of foodgrains.

(d): The Government is implementing the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) under which perishable horticultural and other agricultural crops are covered. In order to protect the growers of horticultural commodities from distress sales in the event of bumper crop, MIS is implemented for a particular commodity on the request of the State Government.